THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MNISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The objective of the study which would cover the various industrial estates/area/park and growth centres scheme, is to give a good understanding of Investment Promotion Zone Schemes of the countries mentioned.

(c) Price Water House has not yet submitted the final report.

Conference of Joint National Trade and Development Council

2001. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of the Joint National Trade and Deveopment Council was held in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, what were the issues discussed and the outcome thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Government are not aware of any such Conference.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Threat by AIBTMF to stop manufacture of bricks and tiles

2002. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Bricks and Tile Manufacturers Federation has threatened to stop the manufacturing of bricks and tiles in all units running all over the country from 1994;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by Government to resolve the issues involved;

(c) whether Government propose to take up or have taken up any research work to find new methods of manufacturing bricks/tiles; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating the achievements if any, made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) According to the All India Bricks and Tiles Manufacturing Federation, their Managing Committee in its meeting held on 31st July, 1993 resolved that in case Ministry of Coal and Coal India Limited do not restore their demand for the supply 33% good quality coal, they would be forced to close down manufacturing of bricks from the season year 1994.

A representation has been received from AIBTMF demanding:

— Shifting the item "Brick & Tile" from category C to B for the allotment of wagons,

— Supply of higher grade of Coal, and

— Recognition of Brick & Tile Industry as Small Scale Industry.

The matter regarding shifting "Bricks and Tiles" from Category C to B for allotment of wagons is under the consideration of the Ministry of Railways. Ministry of coal has already allowed 'D' grade and below coal against the earlier supply of E and F grade coal. Government has already recognised brick and tile industry as Small Scale Industry eligible for all facilities and concessions as are admissible to small scale industry.

(c) and (d) National Research Institutes like Central Building Research Institute, Regional Research Laboratories are engaged in the research and development